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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the March 27, 2002, office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 38, 39, and 41 as follows:

38. (Amended) A method of enhancing growth in plants compared to untransformed plants or plant seeds comprising:

providing a transgenic plant or plant seed transformed with a DNA molecule encoding a hypersensitive response elicitor polypeptide or protein and

growing the transgenic plants or transgenic plants produced from the transgenic plant seeds under conditions effective to enhance plant growth.

39. (Amended) A method according to claim 38, wherein the hypersensitive response elicitor polypeptide or protein corresponds to that derived from a

